

January 20, 2014

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at City Hall for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: Fliehs, McGannon, Opp, and Brotherton (by telephone), and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Heitmann and Muienburg were absent. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary and Kosel of Groton Independent.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Brotherton and seconded by McGannon. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Fliehs to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

Cons Fed Cr Union	2,225.00	emp savings
First State Bank	12,676.88	ss & wh
Milton Bowman	400.00	Fam Cr loan
AFLAC	683.70	emp ins
Banyon Data Systems	2,385.00	comp support
Buhls	30.50	rug rent
Car Quest	44.34	supplies
Dakota Electronics	90.00	pager serv
Dakota Supply Group	4,966.21	meter gateway
Dearborne National Ins	90.50	group life ins
Fire Safety First	27.90	1 st aid supplies
Groton Independent	89.10	publishing
Guardian Ins	310.82	emp ins
Scott Hanlon	91.53	mileage
Heartland Cons Power District	82,802.80	power
Anita Lowary	27.00	books
NWPS	4,205.36	power delivery
Red Horse Inn	65.00	Fam Cr motel
Rose Electric	137.76	trenching
SD One Call	37.50	fees
SD Public Assurance Alliance	468.00	prop ins
SD Supplement Retirement	1,150.00	emp retirement
SD Water & Wastewater Assoc	20.00	dues
Steven Lust Automotive	490.40	repairs
Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield	12,289.91	health ins
Western Area Power Adm	30,520.24	power
Western Printing	171.10	tickets

Department reports were given.

At 7:10pm no bids were received on the 1987 bucket truck. Moved by Fliehs and seconded by McGannon to authorize Finance Officer to negotiate with another municipality to get the best offer possible. All members present voted aye.

At 7:15pm Kellie Townsend appeared before the Council to request an operating agreement and granting of a on/off sale wine license for Olde Bank Floral N More. No other persons appeared at the hearing. Moved by Fliehs and seconded by Opp to approve the license and operating agreement. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Fliehs and seconded by Brotherton to hold the second meeting in February on Tuesday, Feb 18, due to the Presidents Day holiday. All members present voted aye.

Skid loader bids were reviewed. Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to accept low bid from J Gross Equipment for \$44,386.00 for a PT75 Terex track loader with blower and grapple forks. All members present voted aye. Moved by Fliehs and seconded by Opp to pay \$15,000 now and finance the balance of the purchase for 2 years with United Lease and Finance of Fargo, ND at 4%. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Brotherton to authorize Ward Gilchrist to attend the Electric Supt Conference in Watertown on Mar 4-5. All members present voted aye.

Mayor Hanlon reported on the NW Energy meeting that he, Lowary and Gilchrist attended. A new line from the WAPA Groton Substation to Groton's NW Energy substation will be constructed in 2014.

Council members Brotherton, McGannon, Heitmann, and Mayor Hanlon were reminded that election petitions could be taken out on Jan 31 until Feb 28 for 2 year Council terms and the 2 remaining years of the 3 year Mayor's term.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer